

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 502

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Harry Albert Haines of Murfreesboro.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Harry Albert "Hank" Haines; and

WHEREAS, Harry Haines was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to defend the vulnerable and marginalized, and improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, despite being born in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, Mr. Haines moved to the Arkansas Delta as a young boy and always asserted his pride for his Southern heritage; and

WHEREAS, passionate about his political views and his faith, Mr. Haines served with acumen and alacrity as the sharp-witted editor and publisher of the *Blytheville Courier News* in Blytheville, Arkansas, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, an active member of his community, Mr. Haines played an important role in leading civil rights in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Haines was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Haines enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Melinda Haines, and was the proud parent of Elizabeth Flipppo, Harriet Jumper, Margaret Maxey, and Jesse Anna Bornemann; grandparent of Becton Bell, Ross Bell, Patton Black, Emily Crosskno, Shelby Jumper, Libby Primm, Evelyn Gomez, Mary Maxey, and Hank Bornemann; and great-grandparent of eight; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, Harry Wilmer and Florence Gallup Haines; and

WHEREAS, Harry Haines leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Harry Albert Haines, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Harry Albert Haines.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.